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exactly the progress that has been made from the last budget time up to now, and what is proposed to be done during the next six months. That will be prepared in the course of a fortnight and published for the information of the honourable members of the two Houses. I think the questions are quite legitimate and I must say that I share the disappointment which has been voiced by the honourable members of this House that the work of the department has not been speeded up as was expected especially in the matter of rural communications. In order that the matter may be expedited and kept prominently in view, I have directed that a complete list be prepared of what has been done after the last budget time and what is proposed to be done during the rest of the year and also what is going to be done next year. And I want the Department to remember that this disappointment which has been voiced by the Head of the Administration is a legitimate one and that the Head of the Government is really sorry that such questions should have been raised and that an occasion should have arisen for such questions to be asked.

Perumchillai Thodu.

540. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any estimate has been prepared for the deepening of the Perumchillai Thodu in Vaikom?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : Yes.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know from the member the cost of the scheme as per the estimate that has been prepared?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : The estimate prepared under the irrigation scheme is for Rs. 11,200.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know whether this work will be included in the next year's budget?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : This is a minor irrigation work for which the consent and the statement of the ryots have not been obtained yet. The Tahsildar has been asked to get it.

Tiruvella Market Canal.

541. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was spent in 1120 for widening and deepening the Tiruvella Market Canal; and

(b) whether they are aware that this important canal requires considerable improvement to make it navigable?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether the Chief Engineer visited the place or whether he received any representation about the canal?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : That is a point on which I have no information.